

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been previously canceled and no new claims are added by way of this response. Thus, claims 11-21 are pending and presented for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Response To Double Patenting Rejections:


The Examiner rejected claims 11-21 under the judicially created doctrine of provisional obviousness-type double patenting. The Examiner indicated that although the subject matter of these claims is not identical to claims 11-21 of copending U.S. Patent App. No. 10/574,180, the pending claims are not patentably distinct from these claims. Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.321(c) and 3.73(b) in order to overcome the double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims and specification. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extension of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, including the fees specified in 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 (c), 1.17(a)(1) and 1.20(d), or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

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